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DEPLOYMENT OF BOMB DISPOSAL SQUADS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the operation of the trains is being disturbed due to the rumours of planting of bombs in various trains and this creates a sense of fear among the passengers boarding the train;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) the total number of trains operation disturbed due to the rumour of bombs during the last one year, till date and the bomb disposal squad had to be called;

(d) the effective steps to arrest those spreading such false rumours;

(e) whether the Government proposes to deploy bomb disposal squads and security personnel equipped with state-of-the art weapons on the important trains; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. On getting information, thorough checking is done by the Government Railway Police Railway assisted by the Railway Protection Force mostly after removing the passengers from trains. Dog Squad and Bomb Squad are also called to thoroughly check the trains to detect explosives/bombs and isolate/ neutralize them.

(c): On 63 occasions, the train operations were disturbed during the last one year i.e. April, 2004 to March, 2005 due to the rumours of planting of bombs for which bomb disposal squads were called to conduct thorough checking of the trains.

(d): Close liaison is being maintained with Government Railway Police, Civil Police and other departments to check such kinds of incidents. Staff manning the Public Call Offices (PCOs) in Railway station area is also briefed regularly to keep watch over such callers. Caller Identification system has been provided in some selected offices in order to identify/locate the telephone from where such calls are made, to identify the callers.

(e): No, Sir.

(f): Does not arise.